

The public airwaves should not be used by television executives to promote a partisan political agenda. I believe that Sinclair Broadcasting's plan to air "Stolen Honor: Wounds that Never Heal" is a partisan attempt on the part of Sinclair executives to influence the upcoming elections. Broadcasters, as licensed trustees of the public airwaves are required to serve the public by providing fair and balanced news and public affairs programming.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to

strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.